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SUBJ: PORI POLL

1. POST HAS JUST RECEIVED DETAILED RESULTS OF OCTOBER 16-20 POLL CARRIED OUT BY PORI, THE PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (TOTAL OF 1205 RESPONDENTS). THIRTEEN QUESTIONS WERE ASKED, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE REQUESTED BY USIA. AGENCY QUESTIONS DEALT WITH MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT, U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS, DANGER OF WAR, AND FUTURE OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S HEALTH AND POPULARITY, THE PERFORMANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WERE THE SUBJECT OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, NOT REQUESTED BY AGENCY, ALSO SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. U.S.MIDDLE EAST POLICY:
RESPONDENTS NOW SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE US AND ISRAELI POSITIONS ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT ARE IN AGREEMENT (44 PERCENT) AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ARE DIFFERENT, IN VARYING DEGREES. IN SEPT. '77 POLL, 47.6 PERCENT BELIEVED U.S.-ISRAELI POSITIONS WERE DIFFERENT. POLL SHOWED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN CONFIDENCE OF ISRAELIS IN U.S. AID IN EVENT ISRAEL'S
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EXISTENCE WAS IMPERILED IN ANOTHER WAR (44.2 PERCENT NOW, 44 PERCENT IN JUNE, 46.8 PERCENT IN SEPT.).

3. AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION:
MORE ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORT OF ISRAEL DECREASED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS THAN BELIEVE THAT IT INCREASED (27.5 PERCENT VS. 22.7 PERCENT); BUT LARGEST NUMBER

(35.6 PERCENT) SAID SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION FOR ISRAEL HAS NOT CHANGED OVER LAST FEW MONTHS.

4. GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE:

LARGE MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL TO MEET WITH ARABS AT GENEVA IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. 42.4 PERCENT SAID IT IS "VERY IMPORTANT", 35.9 PERCENT SAID IT IS "FAIRLY IMPORTANT"; ONLY 14.6 PERCENT DO NOT SUPPORT ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA. SUPPORT FOR GENEVA IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER NOW THAN IN JAN. '76 POLL.

5. WAR DANGER:

FEAR THAT ANOTHER WAR MIGHT BREAK OUT IS STRONGER NOW THAN IN JUNE '77 (84.2 PERCENT, TO VARYING DEGREES NOW, VS. 71.7 PERCENT TO VARYING DEGREES THEN).

6. PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

56.2 PERCENT NOW OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND LINKED TO JORDAN IN RETURN FOR REAL PEACE, AS COMPARED TO 49.2 IN SEPT. '77. 30.5 PERCENT AGREE WITH A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND LINKED TO JORDAN NOW AS COMPARED TO 37.5 PERCENT THEN. 51.3 PERCENT OPPOSE GIVING UP TERRITORIES IN WEST BANK EVEN IF "THE GIVING UP" OF SUCH TERRITORIES WILL BE A "CENTRAL AND VITAL ISSUE FOR REACHING PEACE." 27.6 PERCENT FAVOR GIVING UP SUCH TERRITORIES AND ANOTHER 8.6 PERCENT ARE PARTLY FOR IT, DEPENDING ON WHICH PARTS ARE TO BE GIVEN UP AND WHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PEACE CONDITIONS ARE. A MAJORITY BELIEVE THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON THE WEST BANK SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUBLIC IN NEW ELECTIONS. 46.7 PERCENT BELIEVE ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK WILL HAVE A HARMFUL EFFECT ON PEACE CHANCES VS. 23.6 PERCENT WHO DO NOT BELIEVE SO.

7. PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER:

66.8 PERCENT FEAR PRIME MINISTER'S HEALTH LIMITS HIM IN PERFORMING HIS DUTIES, 24.9 PERCENT DISAGREE. MR. BEGIN'S POPULARITY DID NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE SEPT. '77 POLL (55.8 PERCENT NOW SATISFIED, 54.2 PERCENT THEN SATISFIED). MOSHE DAYAN, AS FOREIGN MINISTER, MEASURED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY PORI SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE, NOW STANDS AT 57.9 PERCENT SATISFIED AND 12.9 PERCENT UNSATISFIED.

8. MORE DETAILED SUMMARY AND STATISTICAL PRINT OUT POUCHED TO AGENCY/IOF NOV. 1.
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